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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/530,070	Applicant(s) MULLER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 9-16 and 22-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilson et al. (US Pat Pub# 2004/0203903).

As for claim 9, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network (Abstract and Page 15, Para 0163-0165), wherein the SIM card is configured in such a manner that with the SIM card the terminal device can be connected to only defined destination or source addresses, or both (Sections 0129 and 0165, only users addresses on the friend list are granted permission to communicate with device); and wherein the defined destination and source addresses to which the terminal device can be connected are stored in a memory of the SIM card or in a database of the mobile communication network (Page 15, Para 0163-0165, teaches storing friend list on a removable memory such as a SIM card).

As for claims 10 & 28-32, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein said SIM card is

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designed as a Telematic SIM card and wherein the SIM card supports other services that are typically not understood to be Telematic services (Page 1, Para 0003-0004 and Section 0039).

As for claims 11-12, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the destination and source addresses are phone numbers, URLs (Uniform Resource Locator) or APN's (Access Point Name) (Page 5, Para 0067; Page 6, Para 0077; Page 14, Para 0155; and Page 15, Para 0163- 0165).

As for claims 13-16, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the SIM card only supports defined telecommunication services (Abstract; Sections 0039 and 0043; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163-0165).

As for claims 22-27, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the SIM card encompasses more than one different subscriber relationship, wherein the use of the SIM card is assigned according to the originator principle to the respective subscriber relationship (Abstract; Page 2, Para 0045; Page 3, Para 0051; Page 4, Para 0056; Page 5, Para 0066; Page 9, Para 0104; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163-0165).

Regarding claim 33, process claim 33 is rejected for the same reason as apparatus claim 9 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson et al. (US Pat Pub# 2004/0203903) in view of Lipsanen et al. (US Pat Pub# 2002/0059614).

As for claims 17-21, Wilson et al. teaches the limitations in claims 9-13. Wilson fails to teach a virtual private network.

Lipsanen teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the mobile phone subscriber relationship associated with the SIM card can only be operated within a defined virtual private network (Page 4, Para 0040-0042 and Page 6, Para 0065, VPN certificates in SIM card).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the storing of VPN information on a SIM card as taught by Lipsanen into Wilson's apparatus in order to receive communication services easier (Section 0009).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW WENDELL whose telephone number is (571)272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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